

Summary of Listening To The River Impacts

Public Audience Impacts/Indicators

1. Youth develop a greater understanding of science, specifically watersheds, through participation in watershed discovery activities:
 - Youth participants will portray at least two of the essential watershed concepts and demonstrate familiarity with watershed terminology by using appropriate terms in their finished multimedia products.
2. Youth develop a greater understand of the use of technology in field-based explorations, data collection, and multi-media production:
 - Youth participants will demonstrate increased skill in using GPS and mapping technologies, video, digital cameras and audio recording equipment.
 - Youth participants will become familiar with a variety of multimedia software packages and the display and publishing of media on the web.
 - Youth participants will apply the techniques of story development, research, and/or script writing techniques in producing original media works.
 - Youth participants produce SoundScapes radio segments which are broadcast to local to radio audiences.
3. Waterscapes museum exhibit visitors increase their knowledge of local watersheds through visits to the exhibit:
 - During visits to the museum exhibit or project kiosk (mini-exhibit), visitors will increase their awareness of the project by asking further questions about area opportunities for more watershed education.
4. Youth will have an interest in participating in watershed discovery activities.
 - Youth will voluntarily join watershed activities over the duration of the project.
5. Museum exhibit visitors will show an interest in watersheds (Grand Traverse County only):
 - During their visit to the Waterscapes exhibit, youth will interact with at least 3 of the 5 exhibit “zones”.
 - Visitors to the exhibit will pick up additional information about local nature opportunities after they participant in the exhibit.
 - Groups of students ...will use the “Field Guide” to enhance their museum experience.

Strategic Impacts

1. This project results in a set of dynamic watershed education strategies for youth.
2. LTR Project partners and other organizations engage in long-term, sustainable commitments to work together to serve youth by providing environmental education:

